

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Sophie Walsh 271-3469

SB 254, relative to controlled substance inventories.

Hearing Date: March 12, 2025

Time Opened: 10:27 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:30 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Rochefort, Avard, Birdsell, Prentiss and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill removes the requirement that controlled substance inventories be done in the odd-numbered year.

Sponsors:

Sen. Rochefort
Rep. Nagel

Sen. Pearl

Rep. C. McGuire

Who supports the bill: Ben Bradley (NH Hospital Association), Elizabeth Sargent (NH Pharmacists Association & NH Society of Health System Pharmacists), Katelyn Comeau (NH Pharmacists Association), Jessica Thagard, and Brendan Moore.

Who opposes the bill: Mary Hulbert, Gail Linehan, Patty Norton, Sarah McCarthy, and Hannah Smith-Catanese.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator David Rochefort, Senate District 1

- Senator Rochefort stated that this bill makes a technical correction to statute.
- This bill will strike out language in current statute saying that controlled substance inventories shall be completed every odd-numbered year because this is no longer in line with federal law.
- This disparity has caused confusion and placed a burden on regulators and pharmacies.

Katelyn Comeau, New Hampshire Pharmacists Association

- Ms. Comeau stated that she is speaking in support of this bill and emphasized that this will align New Hampshire with federal statute and surrounding states, in addition to allowing more freedom for pharmacies to conduct their business.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 14, 2025